

their natural and historic home \vas being alienated Friction between the two races culminated, shortly after the Labour Government took office, in the tragic riots and massacres of August 1929 A commission of three Members of the House of Commons was at once sent out to enquire and report, when they did report, they laid particular stress on the dangers presented by the development of a class of landless Arabs, and advised an expert enquiry into land settlement Sir John Hope-Simpson, an admitted expert, was at once sent out, for that purpose Neither the Shaw Report nor the Hope-Simpson Report pleased the Jews, they brought immense pressure to bear, from all kinds of directions, to secure that, in any new statement of policy, an attitude more favourable to themselves should be declared Powerfully represented as they are in governing circles at home and abroad, they had, and used, all kinds of pressures, and had, and used, all kinds of access, not so much to the Colonial Secretary, as to other members of the Government

There was a great deal more going on, outside the Colonial Office, than inside it, from this point of view above all, after the appearance of the famous White Paper Although Lord Passfield had long been giving earnest thought to the subject, it was not to him that the eminent visitors came, with their arguments and their complaints, their pressure and even their threats

The White Paper, as issued in the early autumn of 1930, was, of course, a Cabinet document Discussions as to whether, and, if so, at what stage, it was

approved by the
Cabinet are beside the point In spite of the
breaches
recently made in the doctrine of collective
responsibility, it
remains the case that the Cabinet as a whole is
responsible
for every State Paper As for any breach in
the practice
which imposes secrecy as regards what
happens—or does
not happen—at Cabinet meetings, as part of
the oath taken
by every Privy Councillor, neither Lord Passfield
nor Sidney